

Mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer."—ISAIAH, lvi. 2, 7.

How amply encouraging is this precious promise presented by the Prophet in the name of the Lord Jehovah, to those who keep the day of holy rest, which he hath sanctified, nor is the following, in the fifty-eighth chapter less animating, "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him not doing thy own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to rise upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."—ISAIAH, lviii. 13, 14.

As the rest of the sabbath is designed not for the purpose of indolence and sloth, but to afford time for the Public Worship of God and for religious instruction, let the sacred hours be devoted to those important uses. Hail the return of the sabbath in the language of the Christian Poet:

"Welcome sweet day of rest,

"That saw the Lord arise,

"Welcome to this reviving breast

"And these rejoicing eyes."

Repair with your family and household to the Sanctuary of the Lord and "forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another and so much the more as you see the day approaching."—Here join in prayer and praise with the servant of God and those who keep holy the day and give unto